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TO THE PUBLIC.

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THE undertaking is indeed arduous, but the Public may reſt aſſured, that the Publiſher will exert his utmoſt endeavours to maintain it upon the uſeful plan which he has laid down in his Propoſals.

THE greateſt care ſhall be taken to render this performance worthy of the notice of the Public, and not inferior to any News-paper publiſhed on the Continent.

IMPARTIALITY with regard to Advertiſements, &c. ſhall be moſt ſtrictly obſerved; but no room ſhall be given to any production which contains perſonal reflections, or any thing elſe which may tend to deſtroy the peace or happineſs of ſociety.

IN a word, it remains only for him to declare, that he ſets out upon principles the moſt impartial and diſintereſted——

Averſe alike to flatter or offend.

POPE.

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TO THE PRINTER.

SIR,

HAPPINESS is univerſally allowed to be the object which all mankind, ſome way or other, are in purſuit of. At the ſame time, it is univerſally allowed, that few, very few, if any, ever attain it. If we take a view of mankind in general, we ſhall find this obſervation very juſt. For, if you aſk a man who is immerſed in ſecular affairs, who is engaged in an extenſive trade, who riſes early, and takes ſcarcely any reſt, thereby ſacrificing the hours which nature intended for the refreſhment of ſleep, to the hurry and fatigue of buſineſs: if you ſhould aſk this man, I ſay, Why he is purſuing buſineſs with ſuch earneſtneſs and ſolicitude? he will immediately tell you, That it is to acquire a fortune, with which, after having borne the burden and heat of the day, he may live *happy* the reſt of his days, ſit down and enjoy himſelf, and partake the pleaſures which proceed from a retired life, domeſtic happineſs, and ſocial friendſhip. Thus he is building caſtles in the air, anticipating joys which he will never poſſeſs, and taking anxious thought not only for the morrow, but for a diſtant period of time, which moſt probably he will never ſee. For how many men of this ſtamp have we ſeen, who, juſt when they were about to retire from buſineſs, have retired into the other world? whilſt they were building a commodious houſe, and furniſhing it with a thouſand decorations, death, cruel inſatiable death, was preparing them a bed in the ſilent, ſolitary grave, where the indigent man lays as ſoftly, and ſleeps as ſoundly, as the moſt oppulent poſſeſſor. And of thoſe few who retire from buſineſs, are thoſe happy expectations they had conceived fully anſwered? Are thoſe pleaſing ideas they had formed realized? No; the man who has been uſed to the hurry and buſtle of buſineſs cannot bear the ſolicitude of retirement. Time, that heavieſt of burdens, hangs upon his hands; he cannot find amuſement for his leiſure hours, and would willingly engage again in that buſineſs which he ſo lately quitted. As he is not contented, of courſe he cannot be happy. Let us next take a view of thoſe who glory in their high birth and ſounding titles, who revel in fortune's lap, and enjoy all the pleaſures which riches and honour can afford; whoſe life is one continued ſcene of gay diverſions and faſhionable amuſements. Surely theſe muſt be happy who poſſeſs every thing their imaginations can fancy, or their hearts can wiſh?—No, they are not; the enjoyment of theſe things produce nothing but diſappointment; and a life ſpent in purſuit of them will end in vanity and vexation of ſpirit. Beſides, in their exalted ſtation they are ſubject to envy and ambition, two paſſions as diametrically oppoſite to the nature of happineſs, as light is to darkneſs, as virtue is to vice. The one creates an anxiety in their minds when they behold any perſon poſſeſs an accompliſhment which they are not maſter of; the other (ambition) never permits them to attain the height of their wiſhes; and whilſt there remains anxiety in the mind, there can be no happineſs; where there remains an enjoyment unfulfilled, a craving unſatisfied, there can be no felicity. Thus, if we were to enquire into the lives of men of different characters and profeſſions in the world, as philoſophers, poets, ſtateſmen and divines, we ſhould find, that theſe likewiſe come ſhort, far ſhort of the mark. But if there is ſuch a thing as happineſs to be obtained on this ſide of the grave ſurely it belongs to that man who lives a life of contentment, eats the bread of induſtry, and ſleeps the ſleep of temperance; who maintains that beſt of bleſſings, a good conſcience, and enjoys the gift of providence with a thankful heart; who, as a member of ſociety, contributes every thing in his power for the good of the community to which he belongs; and, as a private man, fills every character of life with integrity and uprightneſs. This man is happy, this man is bleſſed in all his works H.

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Walkden's ink-powder,
Tapes, bobbins,
Tully garters, bindings,
Horn and ivory combs,
Pins, needles,
Baſket buttons and twiſt,
F and FF gunpowder,
Shot and bar lead,
T. Crawley's ſteel,
Pepper, ſaltpetre, &c. &c.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1771.

ENOCH STORY,

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He begs leave to aſſure them, his utmoſt endeavours ſhall be exerted to give ſatisfaction in the management and negociating any buſineſs that may be put under his direction; and the favours conferred on him, will be thankfully received and gratefully remembered.

N. B. We the ſubſcribers being acquainted with the above-named ENOCH STORY, are of opinion, from our knowledge of his abilities and character, that he is well qualified to execute the ſeveral branches of buſineſs above-mentioned.

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